

Sparks from Fr. Mark

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2008

As we move toward adopting the Life Teen and Edge programs for our parish youth, I would like to share with you the spirituality of these programs—a spirituality which is deeply centered in the Eucharist.

Life Teen/Edge has developed a spirituality that is:

- Eucharistic
- 100% Catholic
- Obedient to the Magisterium
- Scriptural
- Liturgical
- Catechetical
- Sacramental
- Focused on social justice
- Comprehensive

This spirituality guides everything in Life Teen/Edge. As a staff, Life Teen/Edge models seven core values, prompted by the Holy Spirit:

1. Eucharistic devotion
2. Love
3. Joy
4. Affirmation
5. Authenticity
6. Evangelization
7. Primary vocation

The Life Teen/Edge staff comes together each week for a Holy Hour, where they lift their prayers to God for the work they do.

Inspired by this Life Teen/Edge program and the deep spirituality of their staff, the members of our OLBH parish staff have decided that we, too, will come together for a Holy Hour every Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30. Together we will sit quietly in Eucharistic Adoration and then pray a Rosary. And we will continue to pray together and break open the Sunday readings as part of our weekly staff meetings on Thursdays. We are excited about the possibilities that will come out of this commitment to praying together as a staff.

Please pray for us as we move toward these changes in our parish youth program. And we will keep all of you in our prayers as well.

Blessings,

The Week Ahead

October 27-November 2, 2008

Monday, October 27

Liturgical Color: Green

Readings: Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 13:10-17

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Phyllis Kranz)

6:30 – 8:00 pm: Cub Scouts

Tuesday, October 28

Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

Liturgical Color: Red

Readings: Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19:2-5; Luke 6:12-16

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the healing of Jack O'Leary)

6:30 – 7:45 pm: Returning Catholics Core Team

7:00 – 8:30 pm: Boy Scouts

7:00 – 9:00 pm: Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, October 29

Liturgical Color: Green

Readings: Ephesians 6:1-9; Psalm 145:10-14; Luke 13:22-30

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For all who have been affected by sexual abuse)

9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry

Thursday, October 30

Liturgical Color: Green

Readings: Ephesians 6:10-20; Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10; Luke 13:31-35

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For a culture of life in our country)

Friday, October 31

Liturgical Color: Green

Readings: Philippians 1:1-11; Psalm 111:1-6; Luke 14:1-6

No Daily Liturgy

Saturday Morning, November 1

Solemnity of All Saints

Liturgical Color: White

Readings: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the courage to become saints)

9:00 – noon: Food Pantry

Saturday Evening, November 1

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Liturgical Color: White

Readings: Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40

3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the improved health of Henry Schumacher)

Sunday, November 2

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Liturgical Color: White

Readings: Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40

8:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the OLBH parish community)

8:30 – 10:15 am: RCIA class

10:30 am: Sunday Liturgy with Confirmation Entrance Ritual (Intention: For all souls in Purgatory)

11:30 am – 5:30 pm: Confirmation Retreat

7:00 pm: Taize Prayer

Parish Community News

October 26, 2008



The Winners!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the volunteers and event participants for taking their time to make the Oktoberfest Family Fun Walk/Run such a successful and significant event in our parish's busy schedule. We would also like to recognize our individual athletes' 3.1 mile road-race accomplishments:

First place overall: Eli Ehresmann, with a time of 24:30.

First place female: Jill Leberknight.

First Knight to cross the finish line: Fr. Mark McCormick.

In the 12 and under age classification: The first place female was Paige Gehlsen; followed by Maria Rohrbach. Jacob West was the first place male; Hunter Leberknight was second; and Brady Wauer came in third.

In the 13 to 30 age classification: The first place female was Tamara Dyczek; second place went to Rachael Hepper. Eli Ehresmann was the first place male; Matthew Blauvelt came in second.

In the 31-50 age classification: The first place female was Jill Leberknight; second place went to Ann LeBeau; and third place to Trista Hedderman. Fr. Mark McCormick was the first place male; Brad Ehresmann, second; and Kevin Rohrbach, third.

In the 50+ age classification: Joyce Williamson was the first place female; second place went to Judy Schumacher; and Mary Blauvelt and Darcy Randle tied for third. Larry Williamson took first, middle, and last place for males in this category.

Congratulations to all the participants; you are all winners!

A Rousing Success!

Oktoberfest 2008 was a rousing good time with good food provided by the master chefs of the Knights of Columbus Council 7079. We wish to especially recognize the "above the call of duty" contributions made by Brenda Czmowski and Joe Waliser. Brenda graciously volunteered her talent with the accordion as a last minute replacement for Fr. Arnie Kari who could not be there due to illness. Playing her Grandfather's accordion, Brenda did a magnificent job of entertaining the crowd. We are so grateful for her willingness to step in and save the day. Joe quietly did what he does so often: donated his own special recipe bratwursts as the main course for the meal. They were tasty and well received by the crowd. And a big thanks to all the other volunteers who helped with this event. A great time was had by all!

Want to Vote but Don't Have a Ride?

If you need a ride to the polls, call the parish office at 787-5168 and leave your name, address and phone number. This information will be passed along to the OLBH Council of the Knights of Columbus and we will arrange a ride for you.

*Just*FAITH: New Starting Date

When was the last time you had an experience that was soul satisfying? If you are looking to encounter your faith in a way that challenges you and how you are to live as a Christian in today's world, then *Just*FAITH may be the program for you. For thirty weeks you will journey with other seekers using books, videos, conversation, and encounters with those who live at the margins of society. The program will run from January 6 to July 28, 2009. For more information, call Eileen Desmond at 430-0209.

News from Around the Diocese

October 26, 2008

A Message from Pope Benedict XVI

"Dear friends, my message to you today is the same one that Moses proposed all those years ago: Choose life, so that you and your descendants may live in the love of the Lord your God. Let his Spirit guide you onto the path of life, so that you obey his commandments, follow his teachings, leave behind the wrong turnings that lead only to death, and commit yourselves to a lifelong friendship with Jesus Christ. In the power of the Holy Spirit, choose life and choose love, and bear witness before the world to the joy that it brings. That is my prayer for each one of you. May God bless you all."

IHM Seminary Visit

On November 21-24, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN, and the Office of Vocations will host a live-in weekend for young men who are juniors or seniors in high school, or college-age, who are interested in knowing more about seminary life. The weekend will include a tour of the campus, discussions, meals and prayer with the college seminarians, plus time for recreation. There is *no charge* for the weekend. We will leave on Friday, November 21, and return on Monday, November 24. For further information, please contact Fr. Brian Christensen, Director of Vocations, at (605) 484-8940 or Godscall@diorc.org. Registration forms are available online at www.Gods-call.org.

40 Hours of Adoration

St. Therese Church will host 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration for our country and for a culture of life, beginning at 8:00 am on Monday, November 3, and ending at 11:59 pm on Tuesday, November 4. Sign-up sheets will be available in each parish.

Veni Si Ammas Fall Retreat

This retreat is for single Catholic women, 17-30 years of age, who are discerning the call to religious life. It will be held November 7-9 at St. Francis Convent in Alton, IL. Call (618) 463-2757 for more information.

Moving Sale at St. Martin Monastery!

In preparation for their upcoming move, the sisters of St. Martin Monastery invite you to a sale of antiques, memorabilia, and books on Saturday, November 8, in the gym. The doors will be open 9 am to 4 pm.



Renew Week 4: Interracial Harmony

Many of us carry prejudice within ourselves, and we are all impacted by racism. As Christians, we are called to respect the gifts of all people. It is time for us to look honestly at the conscious and unconscious prejudices that we harbor so that, together, we can launch concrete efforts to recognize and overcome prejudice and racism. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and theological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be.

Christian Family Planning Seminar

The next Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered on Saturday, November 15, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Fort Pierre. This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples who will be married in the Diocese of Rapid City. Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are also encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

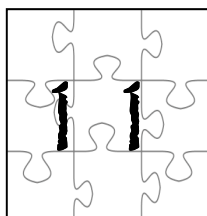
November 1-2, 2008

Ministry	Saturday, November 1 5:00 pm	Sunday, November 2 8:00 am	Sunday, November 2 10:30 am
Bread Baker	Mary Blauvelt	Mary Blauvelt	Mary Blauvelt
Altar Servers	Shannon Wilson Celena Sass Courtney Cassen	Hannah Ehresmann Elijah Ehresmann Aaron Thies	Mary Pulaski Mattias Didriksen David Strand
Precious Blood	Bob Sass Joe Deaver Jerry Silbernagel Judy Wilson	Gary Erickson Barb Erickson Pat Suiter Jean Schubauer	John Usera Stephanie Strand Katie Strand Rose Williamson
Precious Body	Jacqui Blaha	Kevin Rohrbach	Bernadette Usera
Lectors	Bob Sass Doris Hume	Taylor Rohrbach Chad Thies	Jerry Meyer Curt Lauinger
Sacristans	Estela and Erik Haakedahl	Barb and Gary Erickson	Rose Williamson
Ushers	Jayme and Reggie Hunt	Duane Schubauer Tom Van Asma	Jim Pulaski Mike Keller
Choir	Folk Choir	Regina's Minstrels	Family Choir

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

Jan Collings, Joe Creek,
Tony Greer, Tom Lawrence, Dorothy Norman,
Ben Roller, Henry Schumacher



Collection Report

October 19, 2008

Loose	\$ 3,009.51
Envelopes	2,155.00
Student	42.49
Building Fund	80.00
Adopt a Seminarian	50.00
<u>Other</u>	<u>283.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,620.00

What is All Souls Day All About?

From the beginning, Christians have prayed for those who have died and have undertaken works of penance on their behalf. There is scriptural basis for this in the Old Testament. Job's sacrifices purified his sons (Job 1:5); and Judas Maccabeus "made atonement for the dead that they be delivered from their sin" (II Maccabeus 12:46).

The tradition of having Masses for the dead began in the earliest times. The pre-Christian Roman religion, which held that some form of life continued after death, gave votive offerings for the dead on the third, seventh and thirtieth day after death. This practice of praying for the departed on these same days was adopted by the early Christians and continued in the Church for nearly 2000 years.

Beginning in the year 998, all souls -- the faithful departed -- were officially remembered in the Church's prayers on the evening of November 1, and with Requiem Masses on November 2. All Souls Day is now a feast of the universal Church.

At these times we pray for the faithful departed who have been baptized but who need to be completely purified of all stains of sin before they come into full union with God in heaven. The Church's teaching about Purgatory, the place of purification, is explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (§1030-1032).

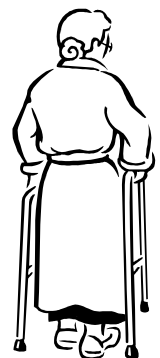
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Scripture

- If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate. (Exodus 22:26)
- O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. (Psalm 18:3)
- For from you the Word of the Lord has sounded forth. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)
- You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:39)

Reflection

- When someone calls out for help, what do you hear? Name some ways you can mirror Christ's compassion for those in need.
- To whom do you call out to for help?
- In what ways does the Word of the Lord sound forth from you?
- Name one way you can love your neighbor today.



In the midst of multiple activities of the day, you should stay free of multiplicity and preserve oneness of spirit within yourself. Let your mind form an idea of God and his supreme majesty and goodness. Keep his lovable presence before your mind's eye.¹

¹ Hugh Feiss, OSB, *Essential Monastic Wisdom*, (New York, NY: Harper San Francisco, 1999), 87.

